

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
February 10, 2011
Minutes**

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Min Lin, Holly Matthews, Ed Neumann, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin, Director of Finance, Cherie Trahan

Absent: Martha Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 7:43pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Southeast School students, who participated in the Connecticut Association of Schools' Student Leadership Conference, with Enrichment Teacher, Sue Irvine, discussed the highlights of the conference. Four University of Connecticut Interns discussed some of the workshops they presented.

COMMUNICATIONS: Two emails: Carrie Holman and Heather Tamsin, Co-Presidents of the Mansfield Education Association and James Griffith, Technology Coordinator, Mansfield Middle School, thanking the Board for the efforts to accommodate teachers with the winter vacation modification. Email from Jonathan Sgro regarding February vacation.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

Southeast PTO: Julie Brown, President discussed fund raising activities sponsored by the PTO to support enrichment activities and other programs at Southeast School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: School Building Committee: Mr. LaPlaca updated the Board on the School Building Committee's recommendation of reductions to Option E to the Town Council. MOTION by Mr. Neumann, seconded by Ms. Patwa, to endorse the School Building Committee's recommendation. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Youth Services Bureau: Patricia Michalak, Program Coordinator and Kathy McNamara, Social Worker, with Joan Fegan, grandparent and Sevan Angacian, University of Connecticut Intern, discussed the many programs and services the YSB offers to the children and families of Mansfield.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget – Other Programs: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed the section of the budget which covers other programs.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein to adopt the Superintendent's 2011-2012 Proposed Budget of \$20,572,170. VOTE: Unanimous in favor with Mr. Neumann abstaining.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no significant changes for the month.
- School Calendar: Mr. Baruzzi reported on other districts' decisions to make up snow days.
- EASTCONN Heath Benefit Cooperative: Mr. Baruzzi distributed an invitation from EASTCONN to Board Members to participate in a meeting on February 28, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Ms. Matthews that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of February 10, 2011 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 3, 2011 Board meetings.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

Executive Session: Discussion regarding strategy with respect to pending complaint/litigation; complaint filed with Office of Civil Rights, No. 01-10-1269 – Cancelled.

MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to adjourn at 9:00pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk